A History of TDR in New Jersey

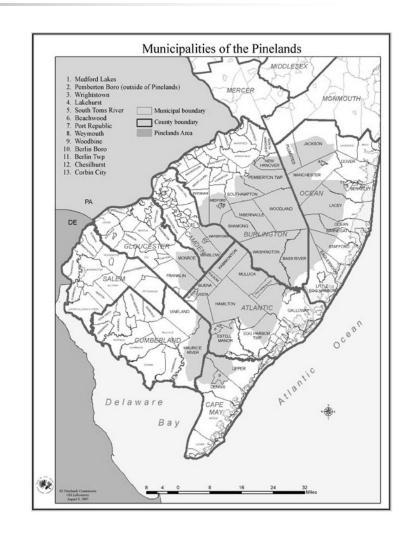
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New Jersey Pinelands Development Credit Program





1989 Burlington County TDR Demonstration Act

- Established as Pilot Legislation
- Potential for County or Municipal TDR Bank establishment



Township Profile

924 dwellings

2,614 residents

21.61 square miles

121 residents/sq. mi.

Planning Area 4



Source: Clarke Caton Hintz, A Professional Organization

Case Study: Chesterfield Township

Project Timeline

- 1997 Master Plan Identifies Sending and Receiving Areas
- 1998 Land Development Ordinance Creates TDR Zoning
- 1999 Wastewater Management Plan Approved by NJDEP
- 2000 NJ State Planning Commission Designates Receiving Area as a Center
- 2002 Master Plan Amendment Creates Village Plan & Architectural Standards
- 2003 Construction Commences on First Subdivision
- 2004 First CO's Issued
- 2006 115 CO's Issued
 212 Building Permits Issued
 Subdivision Approvals for 813 Units
 Subdivision Pending for 357 Units
 2,060 acres enrolled and preserved

Case Study: Chesterfield Township

Project Status

- Developers control 90% of receiving area
- 76 % of the Township's ultimate development capacity (1,170 units) is either pending approval, approved or under construction
- ∠ Construction commenced by three developers on 813 units
- School location has been designated as the hub of the community
- Recreation Improvement District created to fund \$3.9 million in common facilities
- Transportation Improvement District created to fund \$8.9 million in collector roads

Case Study: Lumberton Township



- Sending Area
 - ≥ 1,748 acres with 453 TDR credits
 - Ze Can build up to 1 unit per 50 acres after enrollment in TDR program (lot sizes of 2 acres or more)
- Receiving Area
 - ≥ 508 acres, with 190 TDR credits
 - ∠ Gross density of ~ 1 du/ac.
 - \angle Total buildout = \sim 560 dwelling units
 - ✓ SA credit absorption goal: 70%
 - ∠ Will result in preservation of ~ 1,000 acres

Case Study: Lumberton Township

Project Status

- ≥ 100 % of R.A. approved for development
- ≥ 95% built
- ≥ 265 TDR credits enrolled; 840 acres preserved
- Credit values \$14,000 \$30,000 each
- Developers actively building receiving area
- Currently in process of implementing "TDR II"

1993 State TDR Bank Act

- Created Statewide TDR Bank
- "The development transfer bank may sell, exchange, or otherwise convey the development potential of property that it has purchased or otherwise acquired....., but only in a manner that does not substantially impair the private sale or transfer of development potential.
- Development Potential Purchase
- Loan Guarantees
- TDR Registry Requirement
- Planning Assistance Grants
- \$20 Million Allocated for:
 - Development Potential Purchase
 - Planning Assistance Grants
 - Administration

2004 State TDR Act

- Comprehensive Statewide TDR Enabling Legislation
 - Intra-municipal and Inter-municipal
- Established TDR Planning Process
- Established TDR Planning Requirements
 - Development Transfer Plan Element
 - **Utility Service Plan Element**
 - Capital Improvement Program
 - Real Estate Market Analysis
- Raised Planning Assistance Grants to \$40,000/municipality

2004 State TDR Act

TDR Planning Process

- Development Transfer Element
- Capital Improvement Program
- Utility Service Plan
- Real Estate Market Analysis



Plan Endorsement & County Approval



TDR Ordinance



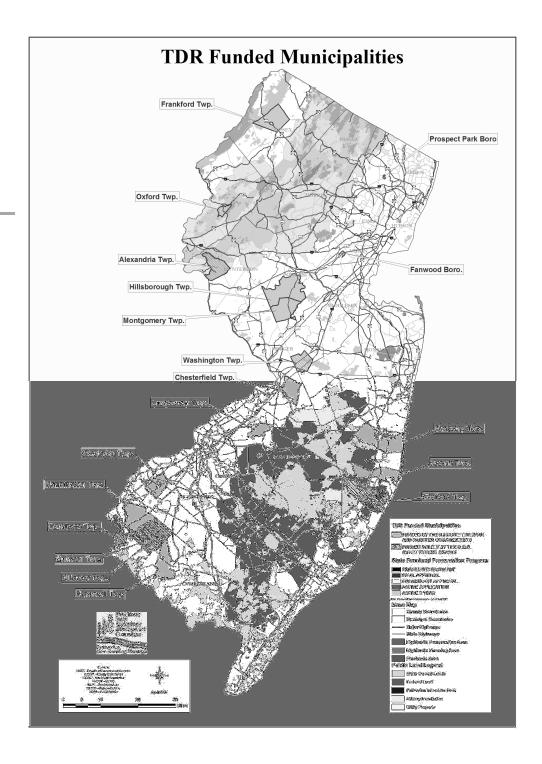
Periodic Review

Planning Assistance Grants

Planning Assistance Grant Status

- 2 13 Planning Assistance Grants
 Approved
 - Z 7 Agricultural Preservation Programs
 - **5** Environmental Preservation Programs
- *≤* \$460,000 Allocated
- ≤ \$657,200 in Matching Funds

Municipalities Granted TDR Bank Planning Assistance Grants and/or Office of Smart Growth Smart Future Grants



TDR in the New Jersey Highlands

New Jersey Highlands Region

- Scale of the Program
 - ≥ 850,000 acres
 - **88 Highlands Municipalities**
 - ∠ 7 Counties
 - High Geographic diversity
- Broad diversity in Land Use intent and values
- **Existing and Planned infrastructure and geographic differences**

Regional Master Plan

- Z Identify sending zones in preservation area
- Identify voluntary receiving zones on planning area
 - ∠ 4% goal
 - Designated centers

TDR in the New Jersey Highlands

TDR Program

- Council performs regional real estate market analysis
- To receive benefits, credits can be transferred to any community in the seven Counties that make up the Highlands—not just those within the region boundary

Receiving Zone Benefits

- ∠ Up to \$250,000 in planning grants
- Reimburse development regulation amendment costs
- Technical assistance
- Authority to impose impact fees up to \$15,000/unit
- Z Legal representation
- Priority for State capital or infrastructure programs

TDR Implementation Hurdles

- State Agency Collaboration
 - **Better Coordination Needed**
 - More Proactive Policies Needed
- Fiscal Impacts of Accelerated Growth
- Cost and Complexity of Required Planning